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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHARACTER STRING SEARCH IN IMAGE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 14 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-082012 to claim priority date of March 22, 2001.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to _____.
- ☒ An Unexecuted Declaration

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